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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The amendments are supported by the original disclosure (e.g., page 12, lines 15-16 of the specification) and, thus, no new matter has been added. If the Examiner should disagree, however, he is respectfully requested to point out the challenged limitation with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

Having responded to the objections and rejections in the Office Action (Paper No. 22), Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as follows.

80. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said pretreating comprises abrading the skin with an abrasive [pad].